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SHORT CATALOGUE OF CHOICE
CHYMICAL PREPARATIONS

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A short Catalogue of some choice Chymical Preparations faithfully prepared by William Weldon, formerly Operator in his Majesty's Laboratory in Whitehall; now living at his House in Bell-yard in Kingstreet, Westminster.

1. **T**H A T excellent Medicine by some called the King's Drops, by others Dr. Goddard's Drops.
2. Those two famous Medicines which Monsieur de Rabel Evans did communicate to his Majesty: viz. the White and Red Drops for staying of Bleeding at Nose and Mouth, and all manner of Wounds Internal and External.
3. His Majesty's Scorbutick Drops, or the *Guaicum* Drops.
4. A most excellent Apoplectick Balsom.
5. A most Diaphanous water, clear like Rock-water; against Morpewes, Sun-burns, Freckles, Chaps, Roughness, Redness and Pimples: It beautifies and adorns the Skin with a lively fresh sanguine Complexion.
6. His Majesty's Cephalick Salt; or a more Curious Sublimed Sal Armoniac.
7. The true Essence of Amber-grise.
8. An excellent Water for all manner of Sore Eyes. As also the Queen of *Hungaries* Water rightly and exactly prepared, even in every degree with the best that is made at *Mountpelier*, approved of at the Court and elsewhere, by every one that hath made trial of it.

But beware of a certain sort of Balderdash stuff made by one *Hammond* a Writing-master: who saith his is better than that which is sold about Town. Indeed I own it differs from all that is made by any body either in *France* or *England*; but that doth not make it ever the more to be a true preparation: but he saith he loads it with the Essential Salt, and that is the reason it turns Liquors white; but it is well known that neither volatile nor fixt Salt will make such whiteness or precipitations, and truly I think it is better neither to add nor diminish the true process seeing it hath done such great good, much more I am sure than ever it will doe again with Mr. *Hammond's* addition of Salt. I am not at all angry with him for being my Ape in using my words in his Bill; I cannot say that I doe or can make it better than that which is made at *Mountpelier*, but onely I make it cheaper and exactly even with it: and indeed so should Mr. *Hammond* by right; but he must study Chymical Pharmacy 7 years more, and then he will understand the nature of Salts better: he may as well say he loads it with Rats-lane: but if a little of any kind of Gum be dissolved in Spirit of Wine put into a little Water, it will make the Water white; so let not this whiteness be any more a true sign. And an ordinary course Spirit may be raised both from Molossus and from Wash, or dregs of Beer or Ale, which will burn all dry; nevertheless this is no true Spirit of Wine though it be so called: so these two signs are not worth taking notice of,

*The Vertues and use of that Medicine so eminently known by the name of
the King's Drops, and by some others called Dr. Goddard's
Drops, being all one Medicine.*

For the Age betwixt 3 years and 12 take 10 drops; and those betwixt 12 and 25 may take 20 drops: and so those that are elder, if strength of Constitution be answerable to their age, may take more; for some may take 30 drops, but the highest dose is 40; and in cold weather you may take 3, 4 or 5 drops more than in warm weather, by reason it provokes Sweat: observe to take it in 6 or 8 spoonfulls of Sack, White-wine, Small-beer, or good Spring-water, which you like best, upon a light Supper going to Bed, and the next morning you are but to take half as much as you took over night, in any of the aforesaid Vehicles. Take it 3 days, night and morning, then leave it for 2 or 3 days, then take it again for 4 or 5 days, and then leave it for 2 or 3 days, and so take it intermitting that it may not nauseate the Stomach.

The Author Dr. Goddard commends this Medicine in his Manuscript, which his Widow presented to his Majesty, to be good against 80 several Distempers, which I can justify by the Copy which I have, and shall be willing to shew to any ingenious person: but certainly it is a most excellent Medicine, and of wonderfull vertue against the Apoplexy, Epilepsie, Lethargy, and all other Diseases that affect the Brain or any part of the Head: it opens all obstructions of the Liver and Spleen, and cleanseth the whole mass of Blood; the which you may plainly see by the Complexion in some little time: it restores all the functions of Nature into their former state, and by its fermentation it destroys all gross matter which hinder their effect: it sensibly works by Sweat and Urine. The price is 10 s. one ounce, 5 s. half an ounce, and 2 s. 6 d. a quarter of an ounce.

*The Vertues and use of Monsieur Rabel Evans's White and Red
Drops for all manner of Bleedings.*

This is called the King's Stiptick Liquor, or the Royal Stiptick; and it is certainly one of the best that ever was made for that use.

For Wounds made with Sword or the like dress them as soon as ever you can, but if the Wound be through any part, dress onely that orifice where the Sword went in, putting 5 or 6 drops in a Coffee-dish, or the like, of the white Liquor, and with your fingers wet in it gently rub over the Wound, and the outsides or edges, and lay over the Wound a linnen cloth clean washed from the Sope and Starch; and if the Wound be thorough wash the other orifice with a little warm White-wine: observe to dress or bathe the Wounds thus twice a day for 2 or 3 days, and then if the Wound be very large where the Sword went in lay over it a little rag spread over with a little Basilicon, but sometimes the Wound will be well with once dressing: observe that when Wounds happen to be deep they may prove dangerous, so that some Bloud being extravasated may corrupt and cause dreadfull symptoms: for the preventing of which, and dissolving the said Bloud, take 12 drops of the red Liquor in a glass of Claret-wine every 8 hours for 10 days together, and this will secure you from further danger. For Musquet or Pistol shot, or the like, dip a linnen cloth in the white Liquor and lay it on the Wound, and observe the former directions; and after 3 or 4 dressings with it you may use a little Basilicon, as before, and also drink the red drops, as before, for ill symptoms may happen as easily in these as the former accidents. These are the same Directions which Monsieur Rabel Evans gave. These two, viz. white and red drops are both one price: 8 s. one ounce, 5 s. half an ounce, and 2 s. 6 d. a quarter of an ounce.

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The King's Scorbutick Drops, or the Guaicum Drops.

These are very much commended against the Scurvy, and to beget a good Appetite, and to cause a good Digestion, and do so much nourish the Body that in a months time the party that takes them will be much fatter and more healthfull than before. They are to be taken 3 days together; viz. in the Morning, 3 hours after Dinner, and going to Bed: 35 or 40 drops in the Morning, 15 drops after Dinner, and 10 or 15 at Night; those of strong Constitutions may take more than those that are weaker. It is to be taken in White-wine, Sack, Small-beer, good Spring-water, or in Syder. In a little Sack Glasse full of any of these Liquors it purges very gently by Stool and Urine, and in some it provokes Sweat, and so depurates the whole mass of Bloud from abundance of impurities. It is good against Dropnies, Catarrhs, and other such like Diseases. The price is 2 s. 6 d. an ounce.

The Vertues and use of my Balsamum Apoplecticum.

It is in truth a Specifick, and chiefly dedicated to the Head and all its parts, and to the Stomach, and all the upper parts of the Body: it powerfully resists all the Distempers following: viz. Apoplexy, Epilepsie, Vertigo and Palsie; it rouzes and corroborates the Spirits; it also strengthens the Sight, Brane and Memory, makes the Breath sweet, and refresheth the Vital and Animal Spirits.

The Use of it is thus.

The extreme parts of the Nostrils, Nape of the Neck, and Seam of the Head, with the two Temples are to be touched with a very little of it, viz. as much as an ordinary Pin's head for each Nostril, 2 for the Nape of the Neck, 2 for the Seam of the Head, and two for each Temple. It is very good against Wind, Coughs, ill Digestion, or any obstruction in the Stomach; used thus rub upon each side of a well baked Toast as much as an ordinary Pin's head, and so put into a cup of Beer, Ale or other Liquors, and then eat the Toast and drink the Drink; used thus it is very wholesome in the morning. This is very much differing from that ordinary stuff sold about the Town for 1 s. a Box: you may easily consider the richness and goodness of his which he calls *Florence Balsam*; he pays 4 d. for every Box, and 3 d. out of every 1 s. to the Seller; so he hath but 5 d. for his Ingredients and labour: now judge what dear and precious stuff this must be; it is well known in *Oxford* and in this City also that mine is much better the longer you keep it, and never loseth its pleasant scent. The price of this is 1 s. 6 d. an Ivory Box, and 5 s. a Silver Box.

*A rare Diaphanous Water for the Face, Neck, Breasts and Hands.**This is called the King's Hony Water.*

It cleanseth the Skin from all manner of Morpheus, Sun-burns, Freckles, Itchings, Chaps, Roughness, Redness, Swarthiness and Pimples; it beautifies and adorns the Skin with a lively, fresh and sanguin Complexion. The way of using it is, first, to wipe the Skin with a dry linnen cloth, then wet a corner of the same in a little of this, and wash or wipe the Face, or any part of the Body, and you will immediately find it very refreshing; and your Skin soft and smooth; if you use it thus Morning and Night you will find that it will in a short time answer your expectations. It cleanseth the Teeth and Gums if you put a spoonfull of it in 3 spoonfulls of fair water, and so rub and wash the Teeth therewith. His Majesty makes use of this Water to bathe and rub his Hands, Feet, and other parts of his Body after he hath been at Tennis. It refresheth and strengthens all parts
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bathed with it; it hinders Swellings, Pains, or other ill accidents which sometimes happen. After playing at Tennis, or other violent exercises, you are onely to rub your Joints, *viz.* Knees, Shoulders and Arms with a little of it; it's a very fragrant, clear, white Water. A Bottle which holds almost a quart for 5 s. and a Bottle which holds almost a pint for 2 s. 6. d.

The King's Cephalick Salt, or a more curious sublimed Sal Armoniac.

This is excellent against Vapours and Fumes, and all manner of Convulsions: it allays all Fumes that arise from the Mother and Spleen; it clears the Head of all manner of pains and aches. The way of using it is onely to smell strongly to it often.

The true Effence of Amber-grise.

This is better prepared than ever I saw any in *England*, a drop of which will richly perfume a Dish of Coffee, Tea, or Chocolett; and also any kind of Wine or other Liquors with a very gratefull scent pleasant and agreeable to every body, but especially those that cannot affect many other sweet scents. Authors do commend this to be one of the greatest Restorers in nature for aged persons and cold constitutions, and saith it encreaseth the Radical moisture, and it inables the vital and animal Spirits: the dose is from 5 drops to 10, in any kind of Wine or Cordial Waters, and at any time of the day, especially Night and Morning. The price is 5 s. an ounce.

A most excellent Water for all manner of sore Eyes.

This is good against any hot or salt Rheum, Blood-shots, or any gummy sore Eyes. It strengthens, cools and heals the Eyes of any foreness whatever. First wash a little bit of a linnen rag in 2 or 3 several waters to cleanse it from the Sope or Starch, then wet a corner of it in this Water, and wet (or gently wipe) betwixt your Eye-lids 2 or 3 times in a day, and at night drop one drop of this Water into one or both your Eyes and so go to sleep; and by using this Water thus 3 days your Eyes will be perfectly whole. The price is 1 s. for a little Viol.

These are all faithfully prepared by William Weldon, Chymist, formerly Operator in his Majestie's Laboratory at Whitehall, now living at his House in Bell-yard in Kingstreet, Westminster.

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